

REMARKS

In the present amendment, a minor typographical error is corrected on page 3, line 26 of the specification by changing the word "inner" to "outer."

Amendments to the claims are submitted in order to correct what appears to be an error in the allowed claims in the application and to correct typographical errors in a number of claims. In the previous office action, claims 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, and 30 were indicated to be allowable, and the remaining claims (17, 19, 20, 23, 26, 29, 31 and 32) were rejected. In the response submitted on October 8, 2004, independent claims 17 and 26 were amended by incorporating the substance of allowable claims 18 and 27. Since all of the remaining claims were dependent on claims 17 and 26, as amended, this was believed to have placed claims 17, 19-26, and 28-32 in condition for allowance.

In the notice of allowance, only claims 17 and 26 were indicated to be allowed. This is perhaps due to the fact that the claim listing did not recite all of the dependent claims completely but only referred to them as previously presented. In any case, with claims 17 and 26 being allowable, and the remaining claims not being cancelled, it is believed that these claims are also allowable for the same reasons as claims 17 and 26. A new claim listing reciting all of the allowable claims (17, 19-26, and 28-32) is attached.

It is urged that the foregoing amendments do not add any new matter in the application but merely clarify the allowed claims and correct typographical errors.


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Accordingly, it is urged that the specification and claim amendments be entered, and the case passed to issue as amended.

It should be noted that the corrections to the claims are being offered by way of an amendment, even though these claims still appear to be in the application, in view of the fact that the claims have never been cancelled. Whether the claims are re-added by amendment or allowed by way of correction of the notice of allowability, it is urged that all of the claims in the application are allowable. Accordingly, it is urged that the amendment be entered pursuant to Rule 312 and the case passed to issue. If any further corrections need to be made in order to place this case in condition for issuance, a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney in order to resolve the matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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